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April 9, 1984

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Neil E. Freman Motor Vehicle
Wrecking Facility,

Board of County Commissioners, Jefferson Co. Courthouse, Boulder
Harold Hansen, Mayor, Town of Whitehall, P. O. Box 539, Whitehall, MT
Jeanie Knight, County Sanitarian, P. O. Box H, Boulder
Neil Freman, Route 1, Box 1835 Whitehall
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, Cogswell Bldg., Helena
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Bldg., Room 432, Helena
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Neil E. Freman motor vehicle wrecking facility near Whitehall.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Mitchell

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Neil E. Freman

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility approximately 2 miles south of Whitehall

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production			X			X
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Jefferson County Commissioners

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry D. Mitchell

LARRY D. MITCHELL

Date: April 6, 1984

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Freman PER
April 6, 1984

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL

5. Aesthetics

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rules require wrecking yards to be shielded from public view. Public view is defind as that point six feet above the centerline of any public road. County roads on the east side and north of the facility require this yard to be screened on all four sides. Topography in the area is generally level. The most difficult area from a screening aspect is a point north of the property where a county road rises several feet to cross a recently abandoned railroad bed.

The applicant plans to shield the facility with a wooden fence of sufficient height and density to screen junked vehicles held in storage at the business. The shielding rule prohibits the use of log slabs as screening material. Rough dimensional lumber or better is required.

However, this facility is proposed to be screened with a fence made from slabs which are trimmed along both long sides and nailed to fence stringers so the rough cut side is facing the roads and the bark side will face the inside of the facility. The aesthetic impact should therefore be the same as if rough cut dimensional lumber were used. If properly constructed, this plan should be acceptable. Fence maintenance may be greater from using this type of material as it tends to shrink and warp in every direction. Proper fence maintenance or replacement is required by the regulations.

Careful attention must be given to fence heights during construction. Due to the long north-south dimensions of the facility and the elevated roadway at the railroad crossing north of the site, the north fence and north end of the east fence may need to be higher than the 8' proposed by the applicant in order to shield vehicles stored in the south end of the yard.

The applicant plans to have the facility in compliance with the shielding rule by August 1, 1984. No license to operate may be issued until the facility is screened. If shielded in accordance with ARM 14.16.202 the facility should not have any significant impact on aesthetics. Vegetative plantings such as shrubs and trees along the outside of the fence would further improve the appearance of the facility and break up the solid monotory of the structure.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue

The establishment and successful operation of a motor vehicle salvage facility may have a minor but positive impact on state and county tax bases and revenues. The facility will include a new shop building and a screened vehicle storage facility approximately 8 acres in size. The site is presently a portion of a 20 acre parcel owned by the applicant. Previous use of this area appears to have been as marginal pasture land.

4. Agricultural or industrial production

Approximately 8 acres of grazing land will be replaced by a commercial or industrial use. The acreage is presently used to store approximately 100 salvage vehicles.

6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income

8. Quantity and distribution of employment

Employment and income opportunities for the applicant should be increased by this proposal. This business is anticipated as a part time income supplement rather than a primary employment opportunity. Jefferson County thus far has been unable to support a full time wrecking facility business.

10. Demands for government services

Periodic routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be required to assure that the facility is operated and maintained in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rules.

A minor increase in demand for such local government services as fire protection, law enforcement, road maintenance and solid waste disposal may be anticipated. This is not expected to be a significant increase.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

Land use in the immediate area of this project is generally agricultural in nature with an increasing trend towards rural residential and some small business activities. The Jefferson County commissioners' office has certified on the application that siting a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this proposed location does not violate any locally adopted land use zoning ordinances or regulations.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room 1201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

1) Name of applicant: Neil E. Fremon

2) Name of facility:

3) Address: Rt 1 Box 1836 Whitehall MT

4) Size and legal description of facility:
X attached

5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: Same

Address:

X 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.

b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.

X 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: Delbert M. Bullock Chairman County Commissioner

OF: Jefferson County
(city or county)

X 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Neil E Fremon PHONE: 287-5436

TITLE: Owner DATE: 2/2/84

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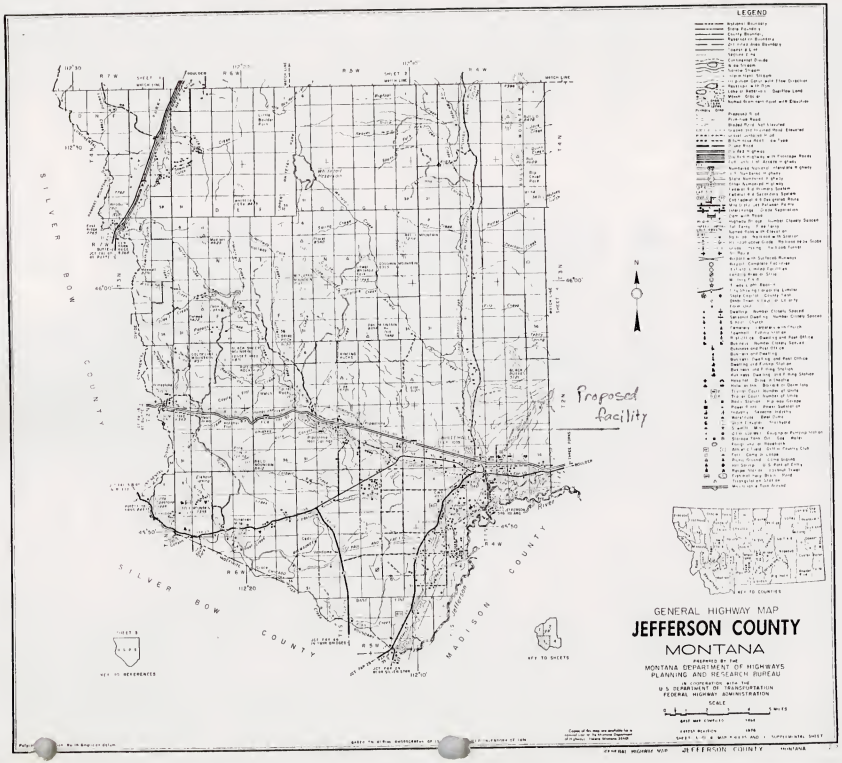
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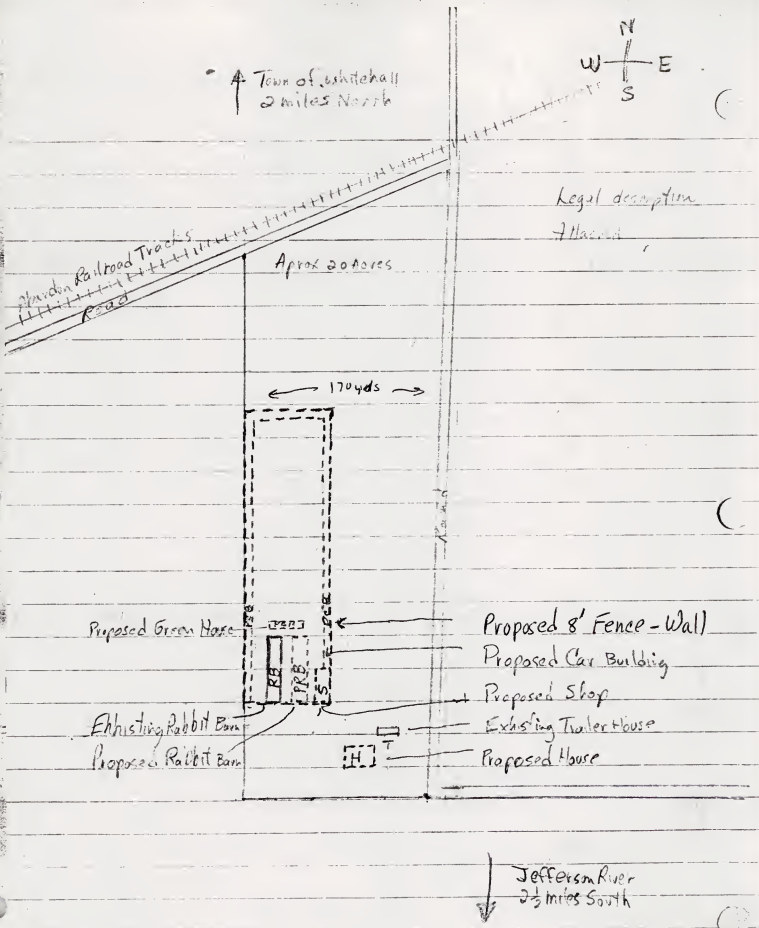

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